

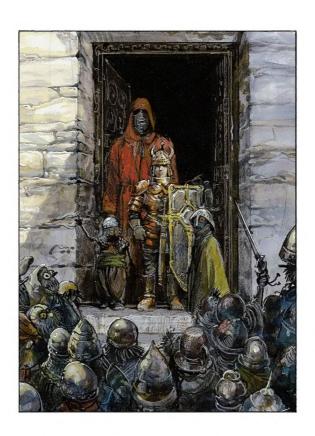


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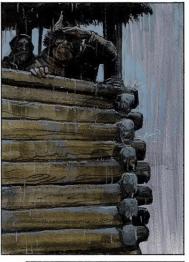






































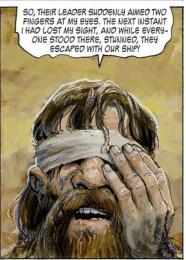
IF THIS MAN SPEAKS TRUE — AND THE FACT THAT HE CAME ALONE LEADS ME TO BELIEVE SO — THOSE WHO TOOK HIS CHILD STOLE THE DRAKKAR SITTING IN OUR HARBOUR. AS FOR US, WHEN WE SAW THIS MAN'S BOAT, OF VIKING BUILD, APPROACH OUR COAST BEFORE HIDING IN A NEARBY FJORD, WE THOUGHT HE WAS A FRIEND OF THE OTHERS ...





THOSE FROM THE DRAKKAR, OF COURSE.

THEY ARRIVED TWO DAYS AGO AND



I'M SORRY FOR YOU, SURKOV. I BEG YOU TO BELIEVE ME, THOUGH: THOSE MEN ARE MY ENEMIES AS WELL. THEY USED THEIR MAGIC TO CAST SPELLS IN MY OWN VILLAGE ... BEFORE MAKING OFF WITH MY SON FOR REASONS



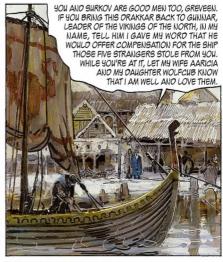






























HAVING FOUND OUT ABOUT YOUR BIRTH.





*A BOOK OF MAGIC SPELLS AND INVOCATIONS



BUT ... DEATH



YOU SEE, I LOVE MY MOTHER AS MUCH AS YOU LOVE YOURS, AND I CAN'T STAND TO SEE HER GROW OLD AND SLOWLY HEAD TOWARDS DEATH, DESPITE ALL MY MAGIC AND MY

DAILY EFFORTS TO DELAY
THAT MOMENT.

S INEVITABLE,
AND MY FATHER
TOLD ME WE HAD
TO ACCEPT IT IN
ORDER TO LIVE
OUR LIVES TO
THE FULLEST.

YOUR FATHER IS HUMAN AND SPEAKS — WISELY — AS SUCH, BUT MY MOTHER IS A GODDESS. HER DESTINY IS NOT TO DIE. IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR LOKI'S TRICKERY, NOTHING WOULD HAVE HAPPENED. OOIN CONDEMNED MY MOTHER WITHOUT EVEN TAKING THE

TIME TO SEEK OUT THE TRUTH .

























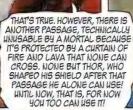








DO YOU SEE NOW WHY, FIRST OF ALL, ONE OF YOU HAD TO RETURN WITH THAT SHIELD AND THE POWERS WITH WHICH THOR IMBUED IT? NOT ONLY DOES ITS BEARER AUTOMATICALLY ACQUIRE THE STRENGTH NEEDED TO CARRY IT, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY ... HE CAN TRAVEL TO ASGARD AND BACK TO THE BETWIXT WITHOUT TIME CONSTRAINTS — A CRUCIAL ASPECT, AS THIS MISSION WILL TAKE YOU MORE THAN THREE DAYS TO COMPLETE.











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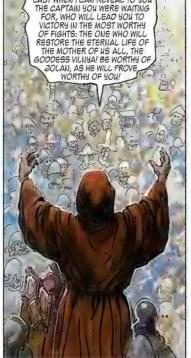
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NOBLE SOLDIERS OF THE ARMY

THAT LIVES! THE DAY HAS COME AT LAST WHEN I CAN REVEAL TO YOU







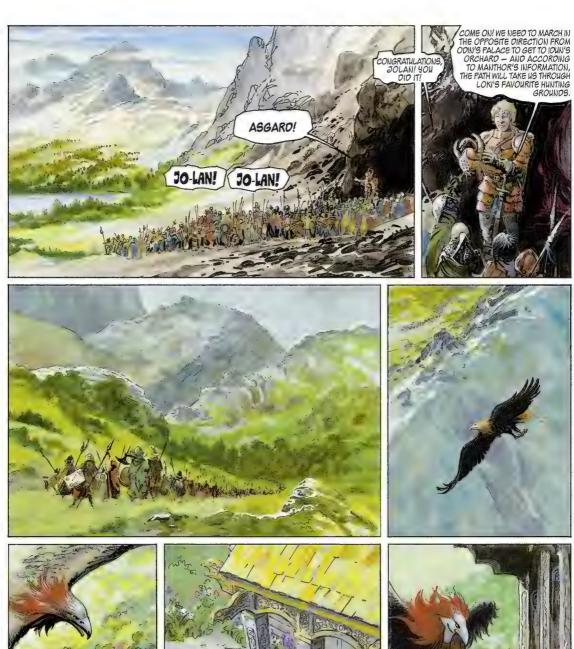
































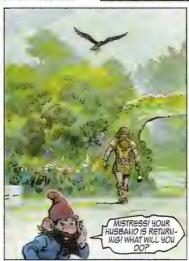














I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME, BUT I'M HAVING STRANGE DREAMS. I WAS ABOUT TO SQUASH A MORTAL WHO HAP SOMEHOW MADE IT INSIDE MY FORGE WHEN HE SUDDENLY VANISHED. I LOST MY BALANCE AND KNOCKED MYSELF OUT, AND WHEN I CAME TO, MY SHIELD WAS GONE! I THINK THAT—













































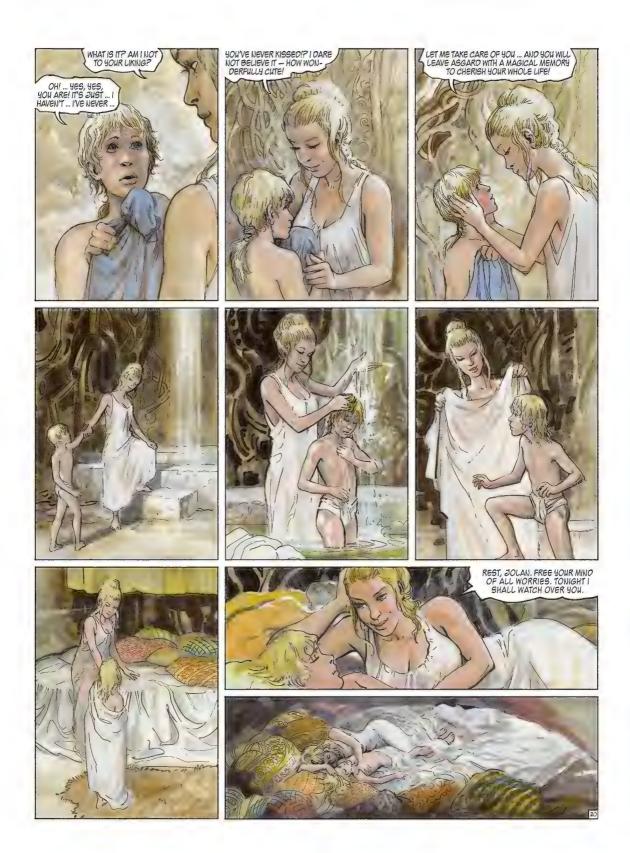














































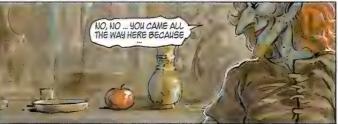


I SEE YOU HAVE A FEW POWERS OTHER MORTALS DO NOT HAVE, BUT THEY'RE FAR TOO WEAK TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON A GOD, YOU PATHETIC WORM!



ALL RIGHT. LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS AND TRY TO FIND AN AMICABLE SOLUTION. YOU DIDN'T FACE THE INESCAPABLE DANGERS OF THE ROADS TO ASGARD JUST TO WOO THE LOVELY IOUN — THOUGH IN MUST ADMIT YOU IMPRESS ME IN THAT REGARD ...



























































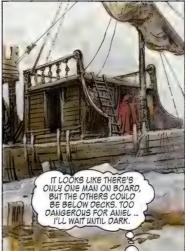
























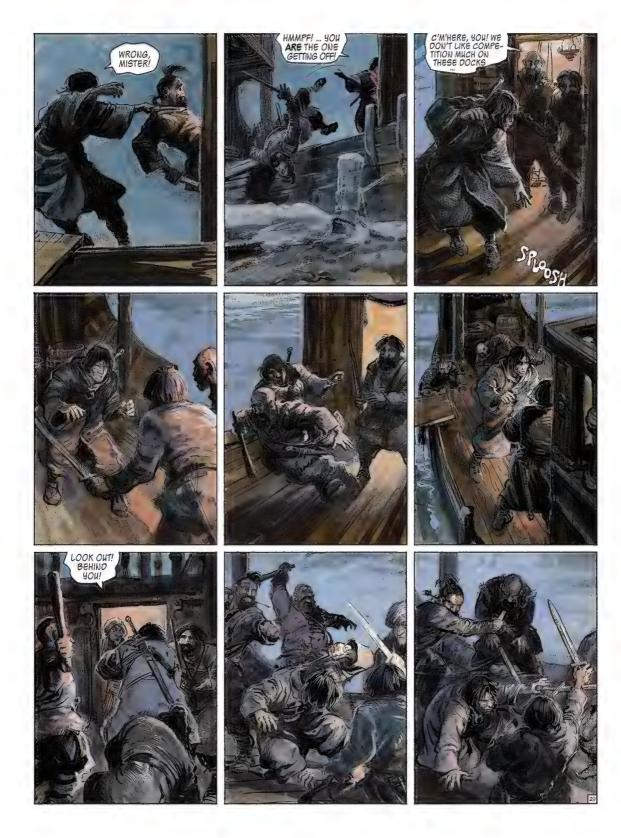










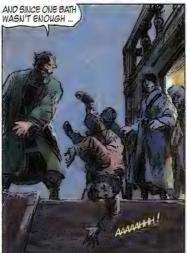




















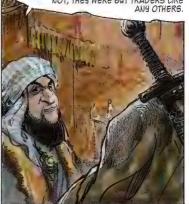
*A MASCHLINE TITLE OF RESPECT IN ARABIC - EQUIVALENT TO 'MY MASTER' OR 'MISTER' DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES



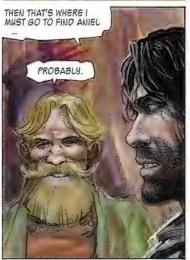
BELIEVE ME, THORGAL, I GRIEVE WITH YOU AT THE STORY YOU TOLD US. AS I SAID BEFORE, I AM BUT A HUMBLE MERCHANT WHO SPENDS HIS TIME BETWEEN THE DISTANT ORIENT AND THE NORTHERN SEAS. AS USUAL, I RETURNED FROM THE EAST WITH THE BLADE SHIP AND BOUGHT THIS SMALL VESSEL FROM OTHERS WHO CAME FROM THE NORTH-WEST AND ARE TO CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY ON THE BLADE SHIP.



THAT'S HOW EVERYONE DOES THINGS ON THE RIVER. I PURCHASED THOSE MEN'S SHIP TO STORE MY MERCHANDISE. WITH THE MONEY FROM THE SALE, THEY PAID FOR THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL ON THE BLADE SHIP. TO ME, RED MAGES OR NOT, THEY WERE BUT TRADERS LIKE







BY THE WAY, PETROV, WE'VE BARELY BEEN INTRODUCED. WILL YOU EVER TELL ME WHY YOU STEPPED IN TONIGHT? BACK AT THE INN, I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU'D RATHER SHAKE DOWN STRANGERS THAN HELP THEM

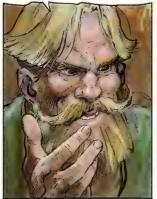


IH ... I MUST CONFESS ...
TIMES ARE HARD. SOMETIMES
THE TEMPTATION TO ASK
TRAVELLERS FOR A LITTLE
GOLD IS GREAT ...

I STILL DON'T
UNDERSTAND WHY
YOU INTERVENED
TONIGHT.



I'M SURE YOU'VE NOTICEO HOW UNSAFE THE RIVER ROUTE 19. IN THE NORTH, EVERYOUD MUST TRAVEL OVER ITS CENTRAL STRETCH — ON THE BLADE SHIPS. THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT CAN MAKE A PASSAGE THROUGH THE FROZEN SECTIONS.









I AM NO MERCENARY, PETROV, BUT YOU'VE NO DOUBT FIGURED OUT THAT! HAVE LITTLE CHOICE IF! WANT TO FIND MY SON.! AM YOUR MAN, THEN ... AND YOUR ARCHER IF YOU FIND ME A BOW.

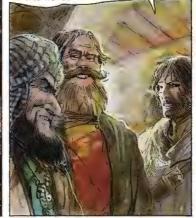


THE BOW WON'T BE A PROB-LEM: I HAVE SOME FOR SALE! FOLLOW ME TO THE HOLD.





MOTIVATIONS DON'T MATTER MUCH. MEN ARE ALWAYS STRONGER TOGETHER, AND FRIENDSHIPS ARE PRECIOUS TO SURVIVAL IN THIS WORLD.

















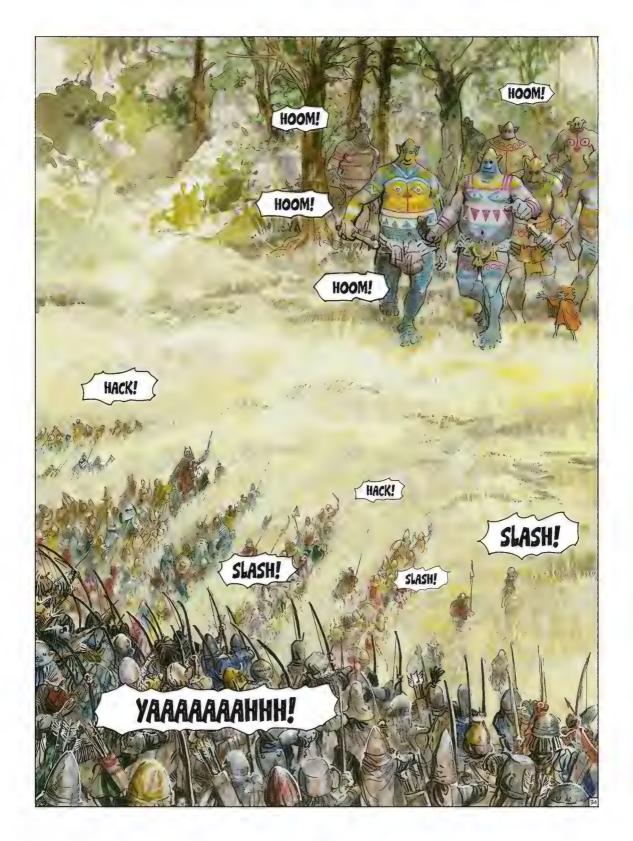


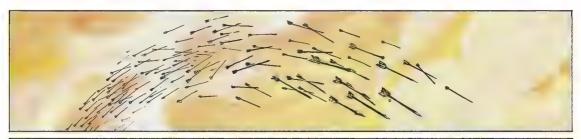
AT THE READY! HAM-STRINGERS, FORM UP!

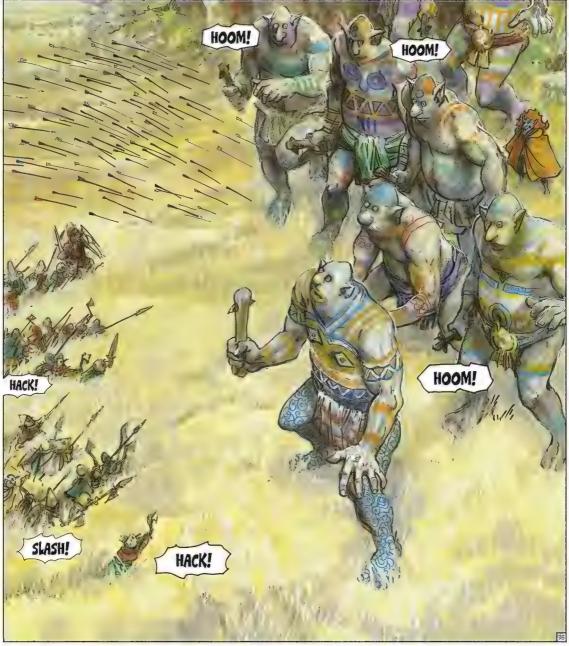






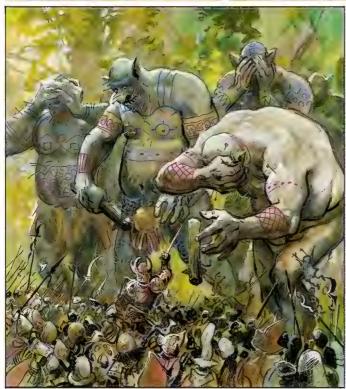




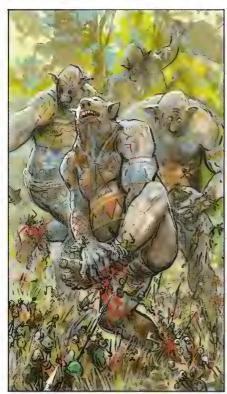


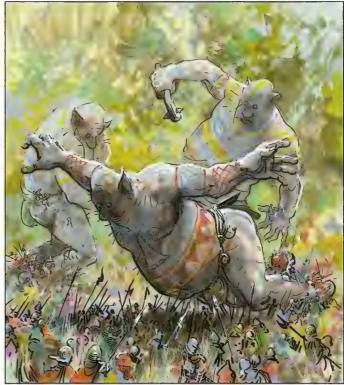
















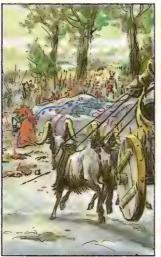


































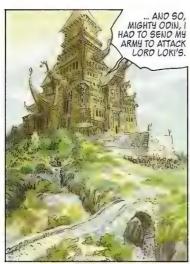




























I AM RATHER SURPRISEO TO SEE YO'U HERE! WHAT WAS THE BOY DOING IN YOUR HOME AT DAYBREAK? ... EVERYOUR KNUMS YOU ARE QUITE FOUD OF FAIR HAR ... COULD YOU, TOO, HAVE BROKEN THE RULES OF















THANKS TO JOLAN, I REALISE THAT I WAS TOO HARSH WITH VILNYA. I HEREBY GIVE VIGRID THE TASK OF LETTING HER KNOW THAT SHE IS FORGIVEN AND ALLOWED TO RETURN TO ASGARD. I WILL PERSONALLY GIVE HER A NEW APPLE OF ETERNAL



































